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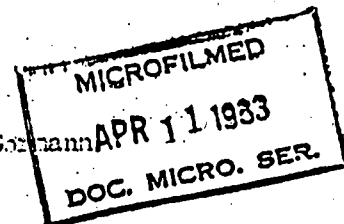
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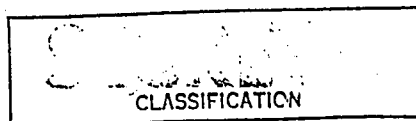
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1. Former Berlin SRP leader, Edward Stern's trip to Italy to obtain proof that Martin Bormann is still alive, was unwittingly financed by the Sueddeutsche Zeitung in Munich. In the beginning of December 1951, Hans Habe, the chief editor of the Muenchener Illustrierte had published some material from Stern which was intended to prove that the SRP and KPD were affiliated.
2. After Habe had been replaced by Indwig Hoffenreich, Stern tried to sell his Bormann story to him for publication. Hoffenreich, who is a tyro in politics submitted the material to (Dr. Franz Joseph Schoeningh, publisher of the Sueddeutscher Verlag. Schoeningh ^{not} believe the information, and was not at all impressed with Stern when he met him. However he told Stern that he would publish the story in the Sueddeutsche Zeitung, provided Stern could produce pictorial proof of Bormann's existence. Whereupon, Stern departed for Rome, Bormann's alleged hiding place.
3. Toward the latter part of January, Renee Hoche, the Sueddeutsche Zeitung representative in Rome wired Dr. Schoeningh whether expenses had been authorized for Stern, who was without financial resources in Rome and had asked Hoche for money. Schoeningh authorized payment for Stern's return ticket to Germany.

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